

App'n. No. 10/767,565

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II. Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph:

[0019] The substrate 12 is preferably made from a porous material, such as Azdel™ material manufactured by General Electric (GE) Plastics. Azdel™ is approximately 55% glass fiber and 45% ~~polypropen~~ polypropylene resin. The porous material may be supplied in sheets of various weights ranging from 800 to 2000 grams per square meter. The substrate 12 provides structural support to the interior trim part 10. The cover material 13 is disposed over the substrate 12. The outer layer 14 of the cover material 13 is exposed to the vehicle occupant when the interior trim panel is integrated into a vehicle and is generally referred to as the "A" surface. Polyvinylchloride (PVC) or a thermoplastic polyolefin (TPO) cover material can be used to produce a soft touch feel and smooth appearance desired for interior trim applications. Using PVC or TPO cover material 13 and the substrate 12 provides the interior trim part 10 having a very low thermal expansion which is produced with approximately 30% less weight than conventional injection molded parts. The cover material 13 also includes a foam layer 15 to improve the soft touch feel of the interior trim part 10 and mask any surface defects in the substrate 12. Preferably, the foam layer 15 is approximately 1mm thick. A web adhesive 16 is disposed between the cover material 13 and the substrate 12 to bond the cover material 13 to the substrate 12.